

REMARKS

Claims 11- 14 and 20-30 are herewith cancelled and new claims 31 - 33 added and now pending in the present application.

Applicants have canceled claims 11-14 and claims 20-30 (and previously claims 1-10 and 15 - 19) without prejudice and reserve that right to pursue the subject matter in a subsequent application. The new claims do not add any new subject matter and support for the additional claims can be found at least in the previous claims 11, 14 and 29. Claim 31 is independent.

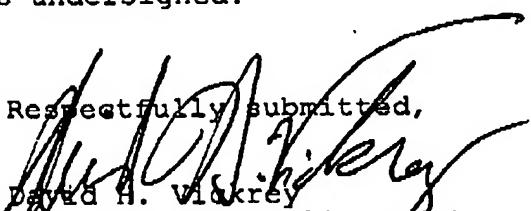
Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowable subject matter stated at page 5 of the Office Action, directed to claims 14 and 29 wherein it was stated that the claims would be free of prior art and allowable if written to the recited NBs and γ -CD. Applicants have amended the claims set forth in new claims 31 - 33 and submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have addressed every issue raised by the Examiner or to the extent not addressed specifically herein, submit that the remaining objections are rendered moot by the amendment to the claims, and respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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